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COUNSELOR CONNECTION

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HIGH SCHOOL

Announcing the Arrival of 2005–2006 Publications

The Kentucky Higher Education Assistance Authority (KHEAA) and The Student Loan Peoplesm are proud to announce the 2005 versions of *Getting In*, *Getting Ready*, *Getting Set*, and *Getting Started*.

The publications are being sent directly to counselors for distribution to students. We ask that you distribute to all students, not just those who are college-bound.

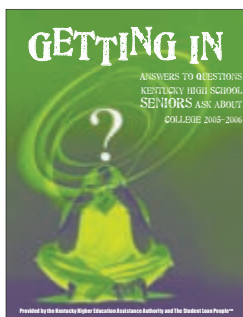
If you need additional copies of any of these publications, you may contact the Publications Section at the mailing address, phone number or e-mail address above. These publications are also available at www.kheaa.com.

Students Encouraged to Enter Scholarship, Photo Contest

Students from George Rogers Clark High School are featured on the covers of this year's publications. Students from your school have a chance to be featured on next year's covers and inside the book — and one of your juniors may win a \$500 college scholarship. Here's how it works:

KHEAA will award a \$500 scholarship, usable at the Kentucky college of the winner's choice, to the junior who does the best job of telling us why his or her high school is the best in the state. In addition, someone from KHEAA will come to that school to take pictures for use in KHEAA publications.

Entries must be no longer than 200 words. They can be mailed to Publications, KHEAA, P.O. Box 798, Frankfort, KY 40602-0798, faxed to 502.696.7373, or e-mailed to publications@kheaa.com. The deadline for receiving entries is November 1.



Poster

Included with this *Counselor Connection* is the new GoHigherKY.org poster. Please display this poster where it will catch your students' eyes.

If you need more posters, please contact us at the above address.





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The Student Loan People and KHEAA cover Kentucky's 120 counties with nine regional outreach counselors. Tim Ring, 859.363.3415, serves as outreach supervisor, with administrative support from Paula Townsend, 502.696.7380, and Summer Gortney, 502.696.7377, in our Frankfort office. Mark Hoover, 502.696.7396, and Gene Weis, 502.696.7446, are counselors on board the College Information Road Show. Susan Hopkins serves as Outreach Services Manager.

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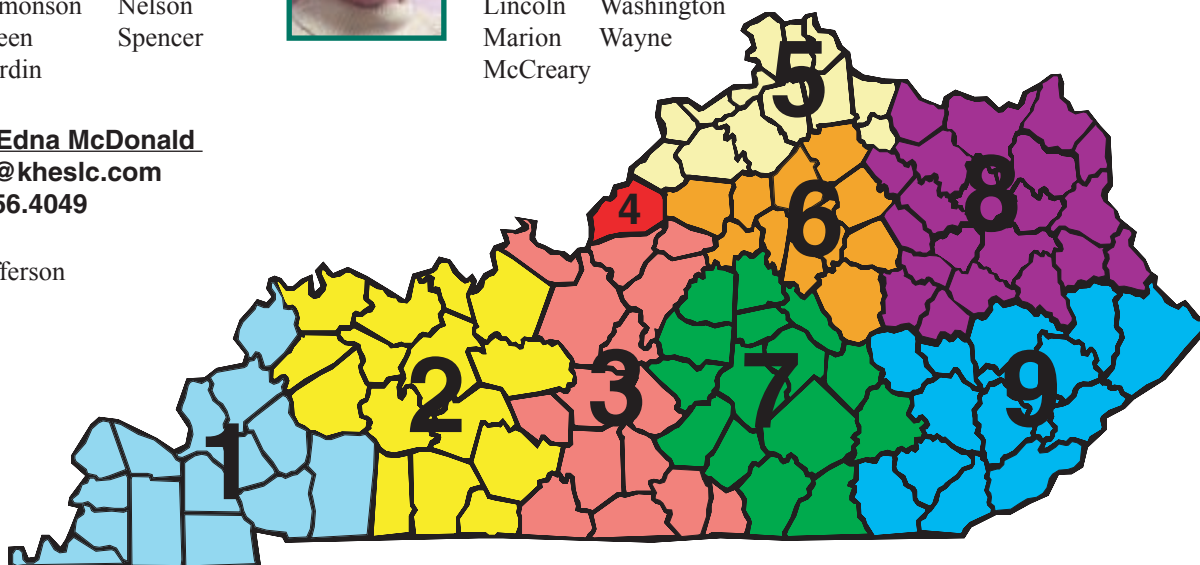


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How much do you really know about KEES?

by Becky Gilpatrick, KEES Program Coordinator

As a high school guidance counselor, you are one of the most important resources a student has for answering questions about going to college and the KEES program. I would like to take this opportunity to provide clarification on some issues of importance with the KEES program. Please note that this list does not cover every aspect of the program. If you have questions, please contact me at rgilpatrick@kheaa.com

- **Can KEES be used at an out-of-state college or university?** Yes, but only under certain conditions. Students pursuing a degree in a program of study not available in Kentucky may only use their KEES award to attend an out-of-state, public college that participates in the Academic Common Market (ACM). The Council on Postsecondary Education (CPE) administers the ACM for Kentucky residents. If you have not had an opportunity to get a listing of the programs and participating schools, I encourage you to visit CPE's website at www.cpe.ky.gov. You can search on Academic Common Market.

NOTE: Participation in the ACM is determined at the state level. Indiana, Ohio and Illinois are not participants in the ACM. Students cannot use KEES awards in those states.

- **Is the KEES GPA weighted?** Yes, but only in certain cases. In calculating a student's yearly GPA for KEES, the school should weight Advanced Placement (AP) and International Baccalaureate (IB) courses so that an A = 5.0, B = 4.0,... F = 1.0. Honors courses are not weighted for purposes of the KEES program.
- **What happens when a student drops out of high school?** Students earn a yearly GPA award when they are enrolled in a certified Kentucky high school. However, students must graduate from a certified Kentucky high school to be able to use the yearly awards for college. Students who either drop out

of school, earn their GED or graduate from a non-certified school (such as a home school) forfeit any base awards they may have earned. GED recipients and home school graduates may still receive up to \$500 in KEES for their ACT score. GED recipients must be between 18 and 23 years old when they receive their GED to qualify for this aid.

- **Is every student in my high school eligible for KEES?** No. Students must meet certain eligibility requirements before they can be considered for KEES.
 - ☐ A student must be a U.S. citizen, permanent resident or national.
 - ☐ A student must be a Kentucky resident. This is especially important if your high school is near a bordering state.
 - ☐ A student must not be a convicted felon.
 - ☐ A student must be enrolled at least 140 days of the minimum school term. The only exception is for students who graduate during the fall term of their senior year. In that instance, the student must have been enrolled the entire academic term.
- **Can changes be made to a student's KEES account anytime?** No. The KEES district coordinator can update student account information until the student receives his/her first disbursement for college. After that, changes may be made until the end of the first college semester by contacting KHEAA directly.

I would encourage everyone to have their students check their KEES accounts before they graduate to make sure all information has been reported correctly to KHEAA. KHEAA will be glad to send your district coordinator a detailed spreadsheet of KEES awards for your students to aid in this process. Requests for information should be sent to rgilpatrick@kheaa.com.

KHEAA and The Student Loan Peoplesm publish the *Counselor Connection* to share information about student financial aid, college preparation and college planning. Comments and suggestions are always welcome. Please send them to publications@kheaa.com.



Mary Jo Young Scholarship brochures available

Enclosed in this edition of the *Counselor Connection* is a copy of the Mary Jo Young Scholarship Guide for High School Counselors and program brochure for students. The scholarship, named for a dedicated former KHEAA board member, provides need-based scholarships for disadvantaged students to pay for online or onsite dual credit courses as well as online Advanced Placement (AP) courses delivered through Kentucky Virtual High School. The scholarship amount, which covers tuition, materials, test preparation, and the exam fee (if applicable) for AP and dual credit courses, is \$575 for two content-semester courses and \$350 for one content-semester courses. Additional copies of the brochures may be printed from KHEAA's website at www.kheaa.com/serv_pubs.htm and are available from Ms. Linda Pittenger, Scholarship Administrator, Kentucky Department of Education, at 502.564.4772, ext. 4532.

GoHigherKY.org workshops

KHEAA is pleased to announce a series of training workshops across the Commonwealth designed to teach middle and high school counselors, GEAR UP and TRIO personnel about the modules contained in the GoHigherKY.org website.

The training will be conducted in computer labs to allow participants "hands on" training of the website. Eligible participants may receive three credit hours of Effective Instructional Leadership Act (EILA) credit for the training. We will offer two sessions. The morning session will begin with registration and breakfast at 8:00 a.m. and end at 12:00 p.m. The afternoon session will begin at 1:00 p.m. and end at 4:30 p.m.

Also included with this *Counselor Connection* is the registration form for the workshops. Please return as soon as possible.

To the right you will find site dates, locations, and lab capacities.

Date	Site	Capacity
Sept. 21	KHEAA 100 Airport Road Frankfort, KY 40601	24
Sept. 22	Madisonville Community College Room 237 John Gray Building 2000 Campus Drive Madisonville, KY 42431	20
Sept. 23	Marshall County High School 416 High School Road Benton, KY 42025	28
Sept. 28	WKU – Glasgow Regional Center 500 Hilltopper Way Glasgow, KY 42141	25
Sept. 29	Eastern Kentucky University Stratton Building Lab #209 Richmond, KY 40475	27
Sept. 30	Sullivan University 3101 Bardstown Road Louisville, KY 40205	30
Oct. 3	Hazard Community and Technical College One Community College Drive Hazard, KY 41701	19
Oct. 4	Maysville Community and Technical College Technical Center 1755 US 68 Maysville, KY 41056	20
Oct. 5	Dixie Heights High School 3010 Dixie Highway Ft. Mitchell, KY 41017	30
Oct. 7	EKU- Danville Campus 1560 Hustonville Road Danville, KY 40422	24

We look forward to seeing you at the training and if you have any questions, please contact Dena Spivey at 502.696.7495 or dspivey@kheaa.com.

LEAN ON US, FROM CLASS TO CAREER.





**"GoHigherKY.org Counselor Training"
Registration Form**

EFFECTIVE INSTRUCTIONAL LEADERSHIP TRAINING

****REGISTRATION DEADLINE SEPTEMBER 19****

- No fees will be charged for the training
- Breakfast in the morning and refreshments in the afternoon sessions provided on site
- GoHigherKY.org giveaways

****PLEASE PRINT ALL RESPONSES****

I AM REGISTERING FOR THE "GoHigherKY.org COUNSELOR TRAINING" on:

_____ **AT** _____
Date of training session Location

NAME _____
(Please **print** your name)

SCHOOL _____ DISTRICT _____
(Please **print** full name of school)

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

PHONE NUMBER (_____) _____ E-MAIL _____

Mail or fax registration form by SEPTEMBER 19 to:

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If special accommodations are needed, please contact Dena Spivey as soon as possible.
Seats may be limited at some sites, so please register as soon as possible.